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FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering any proposal for encouraging foreign insurance companies in view of the condition of Health Insurance in the country; f

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the Government is likely to announce decision in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM):

(a) to (c) The Insurance Act, 1938 provides for preferential treatment to companies including foreign companies providing health cover to individuals or group of individuals. Under the Act, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority is required to give preference to companies to carry on health insurance business in terms of grant of certificate of registration subjects to capital requirement and limits of foreign equity participation.